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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Report of the Civil Veterinary Department.

READ—

Report on the working of the Civil Veterinary Department during the year 1924-25, received with letter No. P. 27—25-26, dated 7th December 1925, from the Director of Agriculture.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 27—25-26, dated 5th January 1926, from the Director of Agriculture, forwarding a revised report of the working of the Department for 1924-25, together with the Civil Veterinary Superintendent's explanation on certain points.

ORDER No. I. C. 4746-806—C. V. 61-25-4, DATED 16TH JANUARY 1926.

Recorded with the observation that the delay in the submission of the Administration Report is not satisfactory.

2. The Department was as usual under the administrative control of the Director of Agriculture, Major Simpson continuing as Superintendent.

3. *Epidemic and other Cattle Diseases.*—Government notice with concern that Rinderpest broke out in a severe form in several parts of the State and caused considerable havoc among live-stock. Nine hundred and one outbreaks of Rinderpest were registered, the number of deaths recorded amounting to 12,198. Two thousand, one hundred and ten outbreaks of Anthrax were registered during the year with a recorded mortality of 3,465.

4. It is satisfactory to note that the departmental officers rose to the occasion and made strenuous efforts to combat the cattle diseases. The staff of the Department treated on tour 23,605 cases as against 15,230 in the previous year and castrated 17,913 animals. Sixty-six thousand and eighty fresh cases were admitted into Veterinary

Institutions for treatment during the year as against 48,105 in the previous year. One lakh, seventeen thousand, seven hundred and eight inoculations were performed against contagious diseases as against 70,203 in the previous year. The total number of animals inoculated against Rinderpest alone was 1,00,199.

5. The Director of Agriculture represented that the spread of contagious diseases among live-stock was mainly due to indiscriminate movement of infected cattle in connection with cattle fairs, and pointed out the need for introducing legislation to prevent and control the spread of contagious cattle diseases in the State. Government placed the main principles of a bill to that effect before the Representative Assembly at its last Session in September 1925. The measure had, however, to be dropped as the Assembly was opposed to the proposed legislation. The Representative Assembly did not also support the proposal for making inoculation compulsory. In spite of large additional grants sanctioned for purchase of serum and for undertaking other preventive work, it has not been found possible to effectively check the spread of rinderpest in the State. There is every hope, however, that with the adoption of the new method of inoculation called the "Serum Simultaneous Method" which is expected to give the cattle thus treated permanent immunity from rinderpest, the Department will be able to successfully combat the epidemic.

6. *Veterinary Institutions.*—Four Veterinary Dispensaries were opened during the year at Tiptur, Arkalgud, Mudgere and Shikarpur and the opening of four more at Anekal, Chamrajnagar, Tirthahalli and Hosdurga has been sanctioned during the current year. This brings the total number of Veterinary Institutions in the State to 31.

7. Government note with satisfaction that private citizens are voluntarily coming forward with offers to construct buildings for new Veterinary Dispensaries, and with the co-operation of such public-spirited gentlemen and the help of the local bodies, it is hoped that it may be possible to provide Veterinary Dispensaries ere long in all the more important taluks.

8. *Higher Veterinary Training.*—Government deputed during the year two Veterinary Inspectors to Muktesar to undergo training in Veterinary Bacteriology and Pathology at the Imperial Institute of Veterinary Research. Similarly three Veterinary Inspectors have been sent during the current year to receive post-graduate training at the Punjab Veterinary College, Lahore.

9. *Live-stock Breeding.*—With a view to rapidly improve the breed of cattle in the State, Major Simpson proposes that 200 Amrut Mahal bull-calves may be distributed free among villages each year, and that these may be withdrawn by the Amrut Mahal Department at the age of 6 or 7 years, castrated and sold and replaced by others. The Director of Agriculture is requested to investigate the question in consultation with the Superintendent, Amrut Mahal Department, and submit specific proposals for the orders of Government.

10. *General.*—The work of the Department during the year was on the whole satisfactory. There is a crying need for the opening of more Veterinary Dispensaries and strenuous work is demanded of the Officers of the Department to combat successfully Rinderpest and other diseases which levy a heavy toll on the cattle in the State. It is impossible for Government to undertake free of cost total immunisation of all cattle in infected areas because the expense is prohibitive and as legislation to prevent indiscriminate movement of infected cattle is not feasible at present. Government trust that the Department and the people will co-operate to make a success of the scheme of permanent immunisation on payment of a fee of one rupee per head of cattle which is indeed not a heavy charge for valuable cattle.

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Agriculture and other Departments.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Treasuries.

READ—

Letter* No. C. Per. A. 71, dated the 29th October 1925, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting with his remarks copy of letter No. 491—T. A. D. B., dated the 22nd September 1925, together with its enclosures in original from the Comptroller to Government reporting on the working of the treasuries in the State during the year 1924-25.

*(Printed as Annexure.)